

FOREIGN NEWS NOTES

London, Sept. 27.—The quaint little house in Craven street where Benjamin Franklin lived in his more prosperous days, and from which he issued his delightful series of papers called the "Craven Street Gazette," forms part of a block of property which has been purchased for the construction of a large hotel, and, unless immediate steps are taken to save it, this historical building will be torn down. An appeal has been made to Americans to save the house and a proposal will be made to the hotel builders to include Franklin's rooms within the new building.

The house is now conducted as a small residential hotel, much frequented by Americans. It bears above the front doorway the following tablet, "Lived here Benjamin Franklin, printer, philosopher and statesman. Born 1706, died 1790."

Here the great American philosopher resided after he had served his hard apprenticeship in London and during the absence of his landlady, Mrs. Stevenson, from home he entertained his fellow boarders with the issue of a whimsical series of papers called the "Craven Street Gazette." One of the paragraphs was as follows: "At six o'clock this afternoon news came by the post that Her Majesty (Mrs. Stevenson) had arrived safely at Rochester on Saturday night. The bells immediately rung for candles to illuminate the parlor; the court went into cribs, and the evening concluded with every demonstration of joy."

The tablet was affixed to the house, which has been rebuilt, but in the same style as when Franklin lived in it, by the Society of Arts, before the London county council undertook the work of marking the one-time homes of eminent persons in London. Franklin was not the only famous resident of Craven street. At various periods the poet Akenside and Heinrich Heine lived there, and James Smith, the author of "Rejected Addresses," died in a house not far from the Franklin house. In his Comic Miscellany, Smith wrote:

"In Craven street, Strand, ten attorneys find place,
And ten dark coal barges are moored at its base;
Fly, honesty, fly! seek some safer retreat,
For there's craft in the river and craft in the street."

About this Sir George Rose wrote the following lines:
"Why should honesty fly to some safer retreat,
From barges and attorneys, 'od rot 'em?"

For the lawyers are just at the top of the street
And the barges are just at the bottom."

Business judgment rather than sentiment probably will lead the hotel owners to include the Franklin apartments within their new building, as

several historic houses of entertainment in London pay heavy dividends because American tourists put up with bad food and poor service on account of historical associations. And, moreover, some of these lack the historical authenticity of the Franklin house.

Eastbourne, Sept. 27.—The annual Eastbourne tournament, second only in importance to the all-England championships at Wimbledon has ended, bringing to a close one of the most successful lawn tennis seasons ever witnessed in England.

The season has been a veritable triumph for J. C. Parke, the brilliant Irish player, who went down to defeat only once during the year, and that to McLoughlin in the open championship at Wimbledon. He retrieved this defeat by beating the great American player in one of the single matches in the Davis cup challenge round. Since last November Parke has beaten among others, Norman Brooker, A. P. Wulding, M. E. McLoughlin, R. N. Williams, A. E. Beamsley and A. H. Lowe.

London, Sept. 27.—Another instance of old customs giving way to new is found this week in Lloyd's Underwriters room, where the famous old "Loss Book," which almost since the inception of the present headquarters only contained records or losses of vessels, their capture, seizure or other forms of detention, is now to become a casualty book, which will have posted within its pages minor casualties, such as damages to ships, equipment, collisions or any happening that might cause delays, for which the underwriters reinsure.

Another improvement will be the posting of home and foreign arrivals on typewritten sheets instead of the present laborious method of entering them by hand in two large volumes. Many of the older, more conservative members express regret at these changes, but the younger generation welcome them as facilitating their work.

The taking over of the telephone system by the British postoffice department has not been welcomed by the other public utilities already under the control of the postmaster-general, and when that official returns from his visit to Canada he will find a feud in full swing between the officials of the telegraph and telephone divisions. The officials of the two departments have been at loggerheads for some time and the lack of teamwork has been made painfully apparent by the adoption of separate codes for the two systems, although the same clerks in most of the offices do both the telegraph and telephone work.

Practically ever since the telegraph was invented code names have been used to designate towns with long names and recently the telephone department decided to adopt the same system, but instead of duplicating the telegraph code it invented one of its own. Now most of the towns have different code names and when the system comes into use on Oct. 1 subscribers will be prepared for trouble. Some of the subscribers already have protested and pointed out that the use of a little common sense and cordiality between the two departments would have secured uniformity.

Berlin, Sept. 27.—That cannibals seldom eat white captives and then without particular zest is the gist of a scientific report on the subject made by Dr. Hofman, formerly a consul in Africa and an authority on the subject of tribal customs.

Writing of the recent murder of the German-American mineralogist, John Henry Warner, by natives of New Guinea, Dr. Hofman asserts that the abstention of cannibals in Africa and of Guinea from the flesh of white men is not because they fear the spirit of the white victim or his powers of magic, as has sometimes been assumed, but because they consider that it has an unpleasant taste due to the use of sharp spices and condiments and of salted dishes in the diet of the European.

Dr. Hofman cites an article printed several years ago in a journal of Liberia, in which it was said that the cannibals in the Liberian territory eat a white man only when he has fallen into their hands alive. Then the victim is immersed in the neck in a running brook and held there by bonds for two or three days, on much the same principle that an orator is

"floated" in fresh water after being taken from the beds. Dr. Hofman had confirmation of this from a former cannibal.

The reported killing and eating of Mr. Warner, in Papua, by the natives, has called attention to the fact that cannibalism is by no means stamped out in New Guinea. Warner believed that radium could be found in Papua and fell a victim to his own zeal. It is reported that his two native companions escaped his horrible fate, the news of which they brought to the coast.

At one time official circles believed that cannibalism was a thing of the past in British New Guinea, but clear evidence that it has persisted into the present decade has been provided by unimpeachable witnesses. In a book published last year, J. H. P. Murray, lieutenant governor and chief judicial officer of Papua, has much to say about the practice of cannibalism among the natives in the island. He writes about boiling springs which not many years ago were made use of for cooking any prisoners captured in the village warfare.

Describing the northeastern division of the island, Murray quotes a native witness, who, telling of the eating of human bodies, said: "We boil them; we cut them up and boil them in a pot. We boil babies, too; we cut them up like a pig. We eat them cold or hot; we eat the legs first. We eat them because they are like fish. We have fish in the creeks and kangaroos. Murray tells of the remark of a Fergusson Islander to a stranger who wanted to buy betel nuts from him: "Why should I sell you betel nut; I am going to eat you." Which he promptly did. He also writes of a crew of shipwrecked Chinese, who were eaten one by one, until the captors, surfeited with the diet, peddled those who were left around the coast selling them to the highest bidder.

Wives, who ventured to look around during the funerals of their husbands were killed and eaten. One native who was concerned in the killing of a neighboring chief and his two wives told of the subsequent eating of the victims with the utmost unconcern.

He told of eating the hand of one wife, but refused to touch the other, as he had killed her, and it was not the custom of his tribe to eat one's own victim. The two women were singed first, then cut up into small pieces, mixed with sago, cooked wrapped up in leaves, and distributed to the victors, including their women and children.

Lieutenant General Kuno von Steuben is the new "schoolmaster" of the German War college, to which the best of the young German army officers are sent soon after receiving their commission. Americans will recall with interest that other von Steuben of the same family, he of the testy temper and indomitable perseverance, who organized and drilled George Washington's untrained recruits into first-class fighting material.

The task to which General von Steuben has been assigned was too onerous for his predecessor, General von Guentzel, who retired after less than six months' service. A detail to the War academy is an indispensable preliminary to service with the general staff, from which the officers for higher commands are selected, and General von Steuben possibly has in his hands the military training of a future commander of the German army in a later war.

A German medical journal reports the curious case of a child born without a brain, which in spite of this handicap, lived to the age of almost four years. At the autopsy it was found that both the cerebrum and cerebellum, the so-called "big" and "little" brain, were completely lacking, only the medulla oblongata being present. This little knot of brain tissue at the base of the main brain, which in fishes forms the sole brain, was able here to control the functions of the body necessary to a bare existence, but nothing more. The child lay in a state of coma, with contracted arms and almost motionless, during its whole existence. It was impossible to obtain the slightest mental reaction.

AT HIGH SCHOOL

The captains of teams in the Watch Tower subscription contest met last evening with the managers of the campaign and plans for the closing days of the contest were discussed. The event ends Monday. The total number of subscriptions has now risen to 257, and it is probable that before Monday the count will be over 400.

The board of control of the Watch Tower, the school publication, met last evening and selected Charlotte Murray, a sophomore, to fill the place of Ira Keller, who recently resigned his position on the board.

Special Taxation Notice.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested, that the city council of the city of Rock Island, county of Rock Island, state of Illinois, having ordered that a local improvement be made by paving Eleventh avenue from Eleventh street to Twelfth street, the ordinance for the same being on file in the office of the city clerk, having applied to the county court of Rock Island county for an assessment of the costs of said improvement, according to frontage, and an assessment therefore having been made and returned to said court, the final hearing thereon will be on the 9th day of October, A. D. 1913, at 9 o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as the business of the court will permit. All persons desiring may file objections in said court before said day and may appear on the hearing and make their defense. Said assessment is payable in ten (10) installments, and all installments except the first shall bear interest from date and after date of confirmation until paid, at the rate of five (5) per cent per annum. JOHN G. MILLER, Official appointed to make assessment. Dated Sept. 22, 1913.—(Adv.)

Theaters

ILLINOIS.
Oct. 4—"The Price."
Oct. 12—"Where the Trail Divides."
Oct. 20—"Everywoman."
Oct. 22—"Tik Tok Man of Oz."
Oct. 24—"Officer 666."
Oct. 25—"Fine Feathers."
Oct. 26—"That Printer of Udell's."
Oct. 29-31, Nov. 1-2—Dave Lewis in "Don't Lie to Your Wife."

EMPIRE.
Vaudeville performances at 2:45 and 5:15. Two shows Wednesday and Sunday nights.

FAMILY MOLINE.
Pantages vaudeville—Performances daily at 2:45 and 5:15.

AT THE ILLINOIS.
Adele Blood, who will be seen here shortly in the title role of "Everywoman," the dramatic spectacle which is sponsored by Henry W. Savage, is described as being one of the most beautiful women of the American stage. She is a milk-white blonde of Junoesque proportions and as the role requires elaborate dressing she is seen in a wardrobe that sets many a feminine heart aflutter. Beauty is not Miss Blood's sole qualification. She won the enthusiastic endorsement of every dramatic writer in New York on her first appearance in the role at the Herald Square theatre, where she played it several hundred times.

AT THE EMPIRE.
"The Wolf" comes to the Empire theatre for three days, beginning next Monday. "The Wolf" is from the pen of Eugene Walter, author of several dramas, but it is so different from the usual run of plays, that it leaves a distinct impression of its own on the mind of the spectator. The story and theme are new. There is an abundance of bright dialogue, droll humor, and the pathos, and sentiment of the play are not of the artificial sort.

THAW IN MOVIES AT FAMILY, IN MOLINE



Manager Joe Rosenfield of the Family theatre, Moline, has made the big picture moving picture strike of the season. All next week the Family will present the complete story, in pictures, of the trials of Harry K. Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, in Canada. Chicago theatres have had the pictures for a week. The Family is the first theatre in this section to secure them. Manager Rosenfield also promises two of the strongest bills he has had this year the coming week at his house.

TURKISH VENGEANCE.

It's a Perilous Matter to Endanger the Life of a Sultan.

Within two weeks after the assassination of Mahmud Shekif Pasha, the grand vizier of Turkey, thirty-two men were put to death for taking part in the conspiracy. According to Turkish custom handed down from the time of Mohammed, there is no limit as to the number of lives that may be

ECZEMA ON SCALP ITCHED AND BURNED

Would Fester and Come to Head. Could Not Sleep. Hair Fell Out. Cuticura Soap and Ointment Cured in Two Weeks.

R. F. D. No. 2, Seymour, Mo.—"My scalp broke out with Eczema at the start. They itched and burned so much that I was compelled to scratch them and they would fester and come to a head and break out again. The trouble was attended by such burning and itching I could not sleep, also when I went to bed it burned the same. My hair fell out gradually and the scalp kept rough and dry with itching and burning. After about two years the pimples broke out between my shoulders. My clothing irritated them. I was troubled with that condition five or six years."

"I tried everything that was recommended without any benefit until I used the Cuticura Soap and Ointment according to directions, and Cuticura Soap and Ointment cured me sound and well in two weeks." (Signed) S. L. Killian, Nov. 22, 1912. For pimples and blackheads the following is a most effective and economical treatment: Gently smear the affected parts with Cuticura Ointment, on the end of the finger, but do not rub. Wash off the Cuticura Ointment in five minutes with Cuticura Soap and hot water and continue bathing for some minutes. This treatment is best on rising and retiring. At other times use Cuticura Soap freely for the toilet and bath, to assist in preventing inflammation, irritation and clogging of the pores. Sold everywhere. Liberal sample of each mailed free, with 32-p. Skin Book. Address post-card "Cuticura, Dept. T, Boston." Men who shave and shampoo with Cuticura Soap will find it best for skin and scalp. Advertisement.

Bell System



The Mayor of Decatur, Ill., Speaks on Telephone Unification

"Mayor Dinneen says: 'As nearly as I can be informed of the desires of the people, through the instrumentality of the public press and the public and private expression of its citizens, I believe that they would be favorable to an arrangement that would insure one system of telephones in the city, that system to furnish the very best service known to the art of telephony keeping pace with all its modern inventions and yet that service furnished to the consumers at the minimum of cost, and it occurs to me that the time is opportune for such a condition to be brought about, provided it can be done so along just and equitable lines to the public as well as the companies interested.'"—Public Service, August, 1913.

Central Union Telephone Company

A. J. Beverlin, District Manager

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

From The Argus Files of 1888

Sept. 21.—A gratifyingly large and exceedingly well pleased audience greeted the accomplished soprano, Mattie Vickers, at Harper's theatre last night. The clever little star appeared in the role which has made her famous, "Jacqueline, or Paste and Diamonds".

The Peoria baseball club is at the Rock Island house.

Many of the cities of the north are sending contributions to the stricken districts of the yellow fever plague in the south. If the disease continues to spread and more aid is needed, Rock Island may be looked to as sustaining its reputation of doing its share.

Sept. 22.—The Davenport & Rock Island Railway company has filed articles of incorporation with the Davenport county recorder. The capital stock of the corporation is \$500,000, divided into shares of \$100 each. The affairs of the corporation are to be managed by five directors—stockholders of the corporation.

Sept. 24.—A fine boy—the very image of his amiable dad—arrived at the home of Charles Fiebig last night.

Sept. 25.—Pursuant to invitations sent out during the afternoon, quite a number of citizens congregated at the parlors of P. L. Mitchell's mansion last evening to consider the matter of taking immediate steps for the erection of a Y. M. C. A. building in Rock Island. The new building fund was started before the meeting closed with pledges for \$1,000, one citizen alone

putting his name down for \$500 and several others doubling their former subscriptions. The building committee is composed of A. M. Blakesley, chairman; E. B. McKown, Frank Nader, Dr. J. W. Stewart, C. E. Adams, J. W. Welch, George M. Loosely, J. P. Robinson and A. D. Sperry.

The Republican Fiancé club held its initial drill at the skating rink last evening. It expects to be able to make a presentable appearance by Saturday night.

Sept. 27.—Bailey Davenport has favored The Argus with a nicely bound volume of "The Sanks and the Black Hawk War," edited by Perry A. Armstrong. The work is dedicated to the early settlers of Illinois. Among other portraits is an excellent likeness of Mr. Davenport.

Sept. 28.—The motors were abandoned on the Union Street railway by the Holmes syndicate yesterday.

The Davenport's play a benefit game with Omaha tomorrow and all on this side of the river who desire to see good baseball maintained in this vicinity next year with a good club in the field should attend.

Plans have been furnished for enlarging and improving the Ninth street M. E. church and putting it on a more solid foundation, so to speak. The specifications call for a handsome stone basement, a 12-foot extension in the rear and a truss roof, giving the edifice a much more churchly appearance than at present. The cost of the improvements will be about \$2,200 and the congregation meets tonight to act upon the matter.

and him. As his enemies were on the point of doing this a young Indian girl broke into the circle and begged for his life. She had at one time been a Pequot, but had been captured by the Delawares and forced to join their tribe. Her appeals were so touching that the warriors were debating the

matter when the party was attacked by still another enemy, the Huron Indians. In the excitement the girl cut her lover's bonds, but the crew found themselves in the midst of a fierce battle and eventually became separated. The young warrior escaped, but the girl was captured by a Huron chief.

Determined to rescue her at any cost, the Pequot brave disguised himself as a medicine man and entered the camp of the Hurons. By some pretext he gained admission to the tent where the girl was kept prisoner, and late at night they managed to escape in the darkness. Their flight was soon discovered and pursuit began, but the young couple reached the river far enough in advance of their pursuers to embark in a canoe and push off from shore. They were still followed, but the warrior was young and strong and succeeded in getting his little craft safely into a cove at the junction of the great river and a little stream entering into it between two high, protecting banks, where they hid, and later found a friendly tribe.

Rejoicing that the place had been a "safe harbor" for the girl and her lover in time of peril, it was so designated in the Pequot tongue, the Indian equivalent being "Apa-keek-sink." Today, after having filtered through the Dutch and English tongues, it is known as Poughkeepsie.—Ladies' Home Journal.

Your complexion as well as your temper is rendered miserable by a disordered liver. By taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets you can improve both. Sold by all druggists.—(Adv.)

For good work in Building and Carpentering, try

HUDSON, COLLINS & HAMMERICH

"When we start a job we finish it."

SHOP 1133 ELEVENTH AVE.
Phone R. I. 2073. Res. 518.

Family Theatre Sunday

Continuous Performances from 1 P. M. to 11 P. M.

TWO GREAT FEATURES,

The Green God or The Flower Girl of Montmartre.

In Three Reels.

Rosemary, Thoby and Irving Cummings, a Two-Reel Feature, "The Fight for Rights."

One Thanhouse, "The Unromantic Maiden."

SIX REELS SUNDAY.

How About That Overcoat

Does It Need a New Collar?

We make a specialty of new velvet collars and new linings. We also do steam cleaning and pressing. Bring that overcoat in and have it fixed up before the cold weather sets in. We will make it as good as new.

Griggs Tailoring Company

1708½ Second Ave. Rock Island, Ill.

Harry K. Thaw

—AT—

Family Theatre MOLINE

Commencing Monday Afternoon, the Only Authorized Moving Picture of

Mr. Thaw's Fight For Freedom

Taken at Sherbrooke, Canada.

And one of the greatest vaudeville bills of the season. No advance in prices.

PHONE MOLINE 37